

What is claimed is:

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1. A system comprising:
a memory bus; and
a plurality of memory controllers, each memory controller to generate
memory requests on the memory bus according to a predetermined priority scheme.
 2. The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined priority scheme
comprises a time slot priority scheme.
 3. The system of claim 1, wherein the predetermined priority scheme
comprises a request-select priority scheme.
 4. The system of claim 1, wherein the memory bus comprises a Rambus
channel.
 5. The system of claim 1, wherein each memory controller generates a
memory request during a different predetermined time slot.
 6. The system of claim 1, wherein the memory bus comprises plural control
portions, each of the control portions associated with corresponding time slot priority
schemes.
 7. The system of claim 6, wherein the time slot priority schemes are
staggered.
 8. The system of claim 6, wherein the control portion comprise a row portion
and a column portion.
 9. The system of claim 1, wherein the memory bus comprises plural portions,
each portion associated with a set of memory devices.

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1 10. A system comprising:
2 a memory bus; and
3 a plurality of memory controllers connected to the memory bus, each
4 memory controller to monitor memory requests generated by another memory controller
5 in performing memory-related actions.

1 11. The system of claim 10, wherein the memory-related actions comprise a
2 read-modify-write transaction.

1 12. The system of claim 10, wherein the memory-related actions comprise a
2 cache coherency action.

1 13. The system of claim 10, wherein the memory-related actions comprise a
2 memory request.

1 14. The system of claim 10, the memory controller to determine if the
2 memory bus is available based on outstanding requests from other memory controllers.

1 15. A method comprising:
2 providing multiple memory controllers on a memory bus;
3 generating requests, by the memory controllers, on the memory bus; and
4 each memory controller monitoring memory-related actions by at least
5 another memory controller.

1 16. The method of claim 15, wherein generating the requests comprises
2 generating Rambus command packets.

1 17. The method of claim 15, wherein generating the requests comprises the
2 memory controllers generating the requests one at a time according to a predetermined
3 priority scheme.

1 18. The method of claim 17, wherein generating the requests comprises
2 generating the requests according to a time slot priority scheme.

1 19. The method of claim 17, wherein generating the requests comprises
2 generating the requests according to a request-select priority scheme.

1 *Sub B8* 20. The method of claim 15, further comprising a memory controller
2 determining when to generate a memory request based on the monitoring.

1 21. The method of claim 15, further comprising a memory controller
2 determining if a lock has been asserted due to presence of a read-modify-write
3 transaction.

1 22. The method of claim 15, further comprising a memory controller
2 performing a cache coherency action based on the monitoring.

1 *R1.126* *38* 23. An article comprising one or more storage media containing instructions
2 that when executed cause a memory controller to:
3 monitor memory requests from another memory controller on a memory
4 bus;
5 determining if a memory request can be generated on the memory bus
6 based on the monitoring.

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